

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## Preparation for Worship

*Life-giving God,  
shape our vision that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds  
and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Voluntary

*Trio and Allegro in C Major*

Johann Gottfried Vierling  
(1750-1813)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## Introit

*Wash Me Thoroughly from My Wickedness (excerpt)*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
(1810-1876)

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

—S.S. Wesley

## ✦ Opening Sentences

### ✦ Hymn 662 [\(see page 10\)](#)

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

**O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
forgive us for turning from your splendid light,  
for choosing our own way,  
for straying from the path of righteousness.  
We confuse personal gain with the common good,  
and we mistake short-term satisfaction for faithful stewardship.  
Have mercy on us.  
Cleanse our hearts and direct us to your truth.  
Restore us to the joy of your salvation  
so that we might walk in newness of life,  
following after Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*silent prayer*

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response *(choir first, congregation sings v. 1 and 2)*

Baião

Simeí Monterio

A-le-lu-ia, A-le-lu-ia, A-le-lu - ia! ia!

## ✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

## Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

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Holy wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Grant Us Thy Peace*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,  
Thou source of every blessing!  
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,  
All things in Thee possessing.  
In Thee is our hope and safety.

—Poetic translation based on text by Martin Luther

### Sermon

Choosing Welcome

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*

## ✦ Hymn 754 [\(see page 11\)](#)

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

## ✦ Affirmation of Faith

*from Philippians 2:5-11*

Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death -  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name.  
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our debts,  
 as we forgive our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil;  
 for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory forever. Amen.

### Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

*O Thou, Lord, Art My Protector*

Camile Saint-Saëns  
 (1835-1921)

Thou, O Lord, art my Protector,  
 Thou, O Lord, art my Redeemer,  
 Thou, O Lord, art my Protector, and my Redeemer,

—From Psalm 19

### ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great and loving God,  
 you continue to reach out to us in love,  
 and you promise to be with us in all things.  
**Deepen within us a spirit of thanksgiving  
 that with grateful hearts we may receive  
 the fullness of the life you intend for us in Jesus Christ,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ✠ Hymn 547 [\(see page 12\)](#)

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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## Congregational Meeting

### Charge and Blessing

*Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.*

### Voluntary

*Chaconne in G Minor*

Louis Couperin (c1626-1661)  
 Arr. Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following today's service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect seven persons to serve as elders in the Session class of 2027; to elect one person to serve as a trustee in the class of 2027; and to elect two persons to serve two-year terms on the congregational nominating committee. At the meeting, the nominating committee will present the slate of nominees listed below. Additional nominations may be made during the meeting with prior consent of those being nominated.

Elders: *Tina Bryan, Sherri Dees, Pam Keever, Sarah Victorian, Al Waldrop, Denise Wilborn, and Karen Winship*

Trustee: *Pam Taylor*

Nominating Committee members: *Omi Ford and Sara Jean Jackson*

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | John Wurster | *Omar Rouchon is on a sabbatical leave until mid-November*

### Liturgist

Stephen Paine

### Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Staff Quartet | St. Philip Chancel Choir | Tessa Larson, soloist  
Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Rhonda Sands and Jennifer Wilson to the glory of God and in celebration of their ninth wedding anniversary and their friends at St. Philip. They feel so blessed!

## WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Proverbs 31:10-31 – *A poem on the virtues and gifts of a strong and capable woman.*
- Psalm 1 – *Those who delight in God's law will prosper like trees by the water.*
- Jeremiah 11:18-20 – *Jeremiah laments: I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.*
- Psalm 54 – *Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me against my enemies.*
- James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a – *Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God.*
- Mark 9:30-37 – *Jesus foretells his dying and rising; then he welcomes a little child.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Family and friends of Velma Guy Tolbert who died on August 23. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Philip.*

*St. Philippians and their families* – David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Mateo Marte Wood – grandson of Ruena Woods; Faith Fugit – daughter of Joyce Fugit; Raquel Calhoun – sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy – cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Paige Everhart – sister of Nancy E. Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

[deacons@saintphilip.net](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net)

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## MUSIC NOTES

The Thuringian organist Johann Gottfried Vierling, born in the year that Bach died, followed a similar career path as his illustrious fellow Thuringian: as a church composer. His works retain some of the contrapuntal wizardry of the late Baroque Lutherans while exhibiting a more tuneful, easygoing style, evident from a short **Trio and Allegro in C Major**. Its early classical musical language is utterly *gemütlich*, “Biedermeier” in its casual yet refined take on the everyday.

Today’s vocal selections, all drawn from the mid-19th century, encapsulate the capability of composers in that time to create a depth of expression in their musical settings using relatively small amounts of text.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley was an English organist and composer who comes from good stock for sacred music. The grandson of the founder of Methodism, Charles Wesley, Samuel was also given his middle name by his father – also Samuel – who had a lifelong admiration for the German composer Johann Sebastian (J.S.) Bach. Today’s **introit** is excerpted from the opening of an anthem by Wesley that shows the composer’s creative use of harmony and counterpoint in expressing the meaning of the text, a characteristic not unlike his German namesake. Also like Bach, Samuel was often referred to as “S.S.” to distinguish from his father.

Based on a Lutheran hymn, Mendelssohn’s *Verleih uns Frieden* (“Grant us peace”) was composed as a short, one-movement work for choir and orchestra in 1831 and has since become a favorite amongst choral ensembles around the world. A paraphrase of *Da pacem Domine*, the Latin prayer for peace from the 6th or 7th

century, the text assures us that, “though feeble and frail,” we find safety in the Lord, “Thou Source of every blessing.” The text is paired with an expressive melody that is presented in three different ways: first, by tenors and basses, then as a dialogue between treble and bass voices, and finally in a mostly homophonic (melody sung in harmony) four-voice chorale that emanates peacefulness and assurance.

Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns was an international figure and prolific composer whose output spans the keyboard, vocal, orchestral, operatic, and sacred music realms. Inspired by a short paraphrase of Psalm 19, our **offertory** today is an expressive duet between a soprano solo and a contrapuntal melodic line originally written for cello. Saint-Saëns has long been a fixture in classical music programs with works such as his Cello Concerto, *Carnival of the Animals*, and epic Organ Symphony, but he also remains popular through the inclusion of his music in popular culture (think *Danse macabre* in countless Halloween movies and TV shows or *The Swan* played by Yo-Yo Ma).

The 17th-century French organist Louis Couperin composed distinct repertoires for the harpsichord and the organ. A few pieces make the transfer from one instrument to the other well, including a **Chaconne in G minor**, which relies on a repeating refrain and intervening couplets (brief wordless “verses”). More than 200 years later, another French organist by the name of Joseph Bonnet took Couperin’s spare Chaconne and fleshed it out in a grandiose arrangement for organ, in which guise it closes today’s service.

–Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham



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David LaMotte  
**Sunday September 29 | 5 pm**  
**[ Fellowship Hall ]**

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

**GODLY PLAY**—Ages 3—Kindergarten—**Room 103**

**ELEMENTARY**—Grades 1-4—Room 105

**YOUTH**—Grades 5-12—Dining Room

### NEW CLASSES

We are offering three cycles of 6-week classes from September-December to experiment with increased variety of topics, teachers, and formats in our Sunday School, as well as introducing new opportunities for youth to engage in mission and children to engage in music.

**ELEMENTARY**—Grades 1-4—ROOM 105—Children learn the Lord's Prayer with mind and heart. Come October, all ages attend "the Gospel According to Bluey" to pair a Jesus teaching with 2 episodes of Bluey and explore the themes in breakout groups by ages.

**YOUTH**—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Youth families turn the Sunday School hour into a time to revive the Kids Against Hunger program as leaders in our congregation.

**INTRO TO PRESBYTERIANISM**—ROOM 202—presented by John Wurster.



**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—ROOM 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Sept. 29** - The Wonder of Worship - An initiative to prepare Christian educators to engage children in corporate worship - Columbia Theological Seminary received a \$1.24 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish "Wonder of Worship," an initiative to prepare Christian leaders in the seminary's degree programs and support partnering congregations in engaging children in corporate worship. "This grant positions Columbia to move in bold, creative, and relevant ways to form Christian leaders who are committed to nurturing the faith of children and to resource and support pastors and congregations who long for more inclusive and intergenerational worship," said Dr. Christine Roy Yoder, Columbia Theological Seminary, "and under the leadership of Dr. Kathy Dawson and the remarkable planning team, the Wonder of Worship project will build on current research about children and faith, fuel innovative ideas, connect practitioners and experts, and develop new approaches for worship that welcome and foster the flourishing of all." Our St. Philip Pastor Omar Rouchon is a part of the remarkable Wonder of Worship planning team. Presented by Dr. Kathy L. Dawson - As-

sociate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary and Project Manager for the Wonder of Worship Grant. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—ROOM 204—We are resuming our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—TODAY**—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

### ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**— Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to:

[john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We will continue our learning from *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that He has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at:

[ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**LAMBETH STUDY**—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:

[keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **October 10** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlich. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—Agreeing that a focus on Disinformation is timely and important as the

presidential election draws near, the current study book is Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. This group will meet by zoom on Monday, **October 7**, 7-8 p.m. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at:

[sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com).

## MISSION ACTIVITIES

### KIDS' MEALS VOLUNTEER DAY RESCHEDULED –

Our volunteer day has been rescheduled for **Monday, September 30** from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at 330 Garden Oaks Blvd., 77018. Please sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays or email if you have questions:

[mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net).

Every individual, including children, attending must register via the link provided below for the event date of **September 30**. Registration link:

<https://vhub.at/StPhilipPresbyterian>.

Kids' Meals goal is to make things as smooth as possible for you. It is recommended volunteers wear comfortable clothing, closed toed-shoes, and a hat. In case someone prefers not to wear a hat, hairnets will be distributed as an option. Limited parking, carpool if possible. Please arrive at the Kids' Meals office by 12:30 p.m. Upon arrival, you will enter the Welcome Center, sign-in at the computers, and attend a brief orientation. Once everyone is ready to get to work, you will be supplied with the needed items for your task.

### LORD OF THE STREETS VOLUNTEER SUNDAY MORNING –

Congregation members are invited to volunteer serving breakfast or help with the worship before breakfast is served on Sunday morning, **October 13**. We will be serving with another volunteer group from a different organization or church. St. Philip members can carpool from the St. Philip parking lot or arrive directly to Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church at 3401 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77004. Start time and additional details will be provided soon. Save the date and sign up in the Gathering Area or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can join us in serving our homeless neighbors in downtown Houston.

### SEARCH SCATTERED SITE LUNCH AND ACTIVITY –

Join the mission committee on Friday, **November 15** to host a meal and activity for the homeless clients of SEARCH. Five volunteers will be needed from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. to serve food and lead a bingo game or sing-along activity. The lunch will be held at SEARCH Homeless Services office, 2015 Congress St., Houston, TX 77002. Sign up to help will begin in October. Save the date and if you are interested email:

[mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email:

[welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net).

**Thursday Evening Circle** – meets 1st Thursday of each month (October 3) – at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room – Leader – Sarah Victorian [sarah.m.0617@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.m.0617@gmail.com)

**Monday Morning Saints** – meets 2nd Monday of each month (October 14) – at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room Leader – Tricia Tolbert – [phtolbert@gmail.com](mailto:phtolbert@gmail.com)

**The Hallmark Circle** – meets 2nd Wednesday of each month (October 9) – at 1:30 p.m. location to be announce. Leader – Sue Shirley-Howard:

[sue@fluencyhouston.com](mailto:sue@fluencyhouston.com)

**Sunday Circle** – meets 3rd Sunday of each month (October 20) – after worship in the Dining Room Leader – Jan Meyer – [jsmeyer9990@gmail.com](mailto:jsmeyer9990@gmail.com)

**One More Chance Study for Everyone** – meets 4th Sunday of each month (October 27) at 10 a.m. in the Library Leader – Lee Ardell – [leearnell@gmail.com](mailto:leearnell@gmail.com)

## PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

### COMPOSTING SURVEY

The Earth Care team is conducting a survey to determine interest in making a composting bin available at St. Philip for members to bring in their compostable food waste. If you are interested, you can read more and fill out a survey at <https://bit.ly/StPComposting>. If 15 members regularly brought their compost to Saint Philip, we think it could justify a contract with Zero Waste.



### RECYCLING

Learn more the City of Houston's plastic recycling pilot project and the Houston Recycling Collaboration at:

<https://bit.ly/HRCCOH>.

### CALLING ALL ST. PHILIP UKULELES!

Do you play the ukulele or want to learn how? Sign up to play during the worship service on Sunday, **October 13**! There will also be rehearsals on **September 29** and **October 6** for about 30 minutes immediately following worship. If you'd like more information, please reach out to Justin at [justin@saintphilip.net](mailto:justin@saintphilip.net).

# HISD Takeover & Bond Vote

## Information Session

**Sunday, September 29**  
**12 pm | Following Worship**  
**Room 202 | Education Wing**

presented by

**Community Voices for  
 Public Education (CVPE) Houston**

Get information & answers to your questions.  
 Enjoy light refreshments.



hosted by **PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

For more info or to sign up, contact: Denise Wilborn [dwilborn55@gmail.com]

— ST. PHILIP'S MUSIC MINISTRY —

# CHILDREN'S MUSIC

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 6 TO DECEMBER 8

9 TO 9:40 AM, SANCTUARY

FOR AGES 5 THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Singing, Movement, Percussion, & More!

Register your child through **SAINTPHILIP.NET**



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### Save the Dates

Fall Picnic — **October 13** — following worship service

Christmas Market & Mission Forum — **November 10** — 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



### Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net).

**AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,**  
we seek to be an inclusive,  
grace-filled community,  
engaging the world with open minds,  
willing hands and generous hearts.

**WE LONG**  
for deeper faith,  
vibrant hope  
and boundless love  
for everyone, every day, everywhere.

**Thank you for joining us today!** We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

**Nursery care** is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

**A Hearing Loop** is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your “T switch” to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY’S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

**Connect with St. Philip** through [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net).

**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

**Worship with us, whenever, wherever.** Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net). Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

**Contributions**, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

**I Give Electronically**—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.

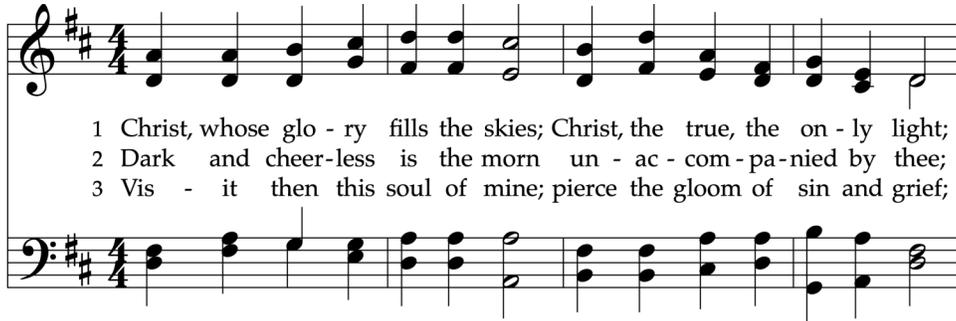


**Lost & Found**—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.

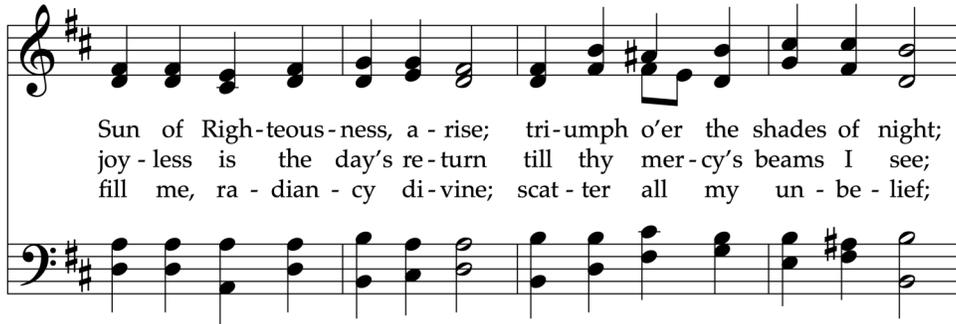
## Hymn 662

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

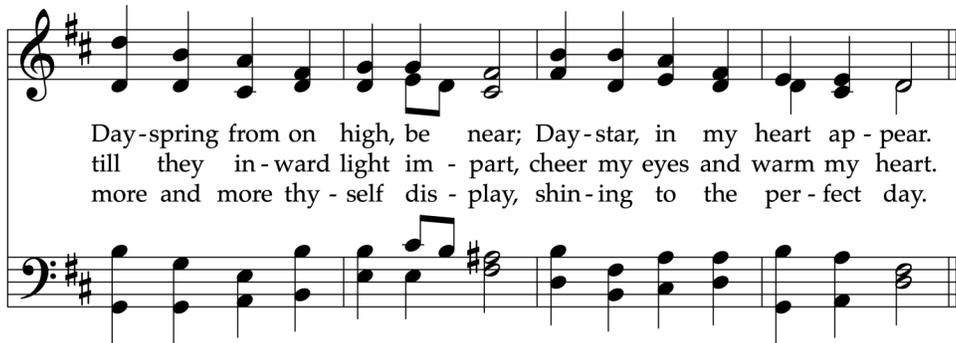
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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740  
MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

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## Hymn 754

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

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1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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## Hymn 547

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

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